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SPIRAL HILL VILLAGE.

WOO-HOO!
YOU CAME!
YOU REALLY
CAME!

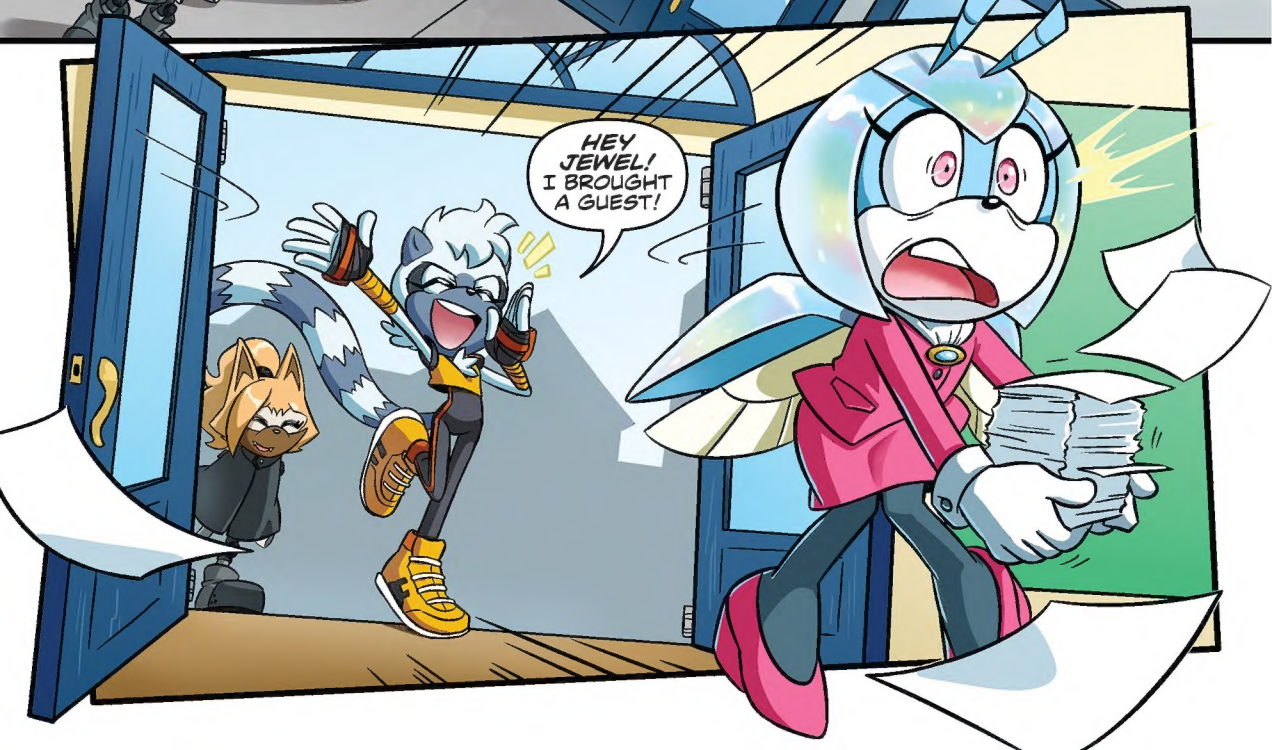
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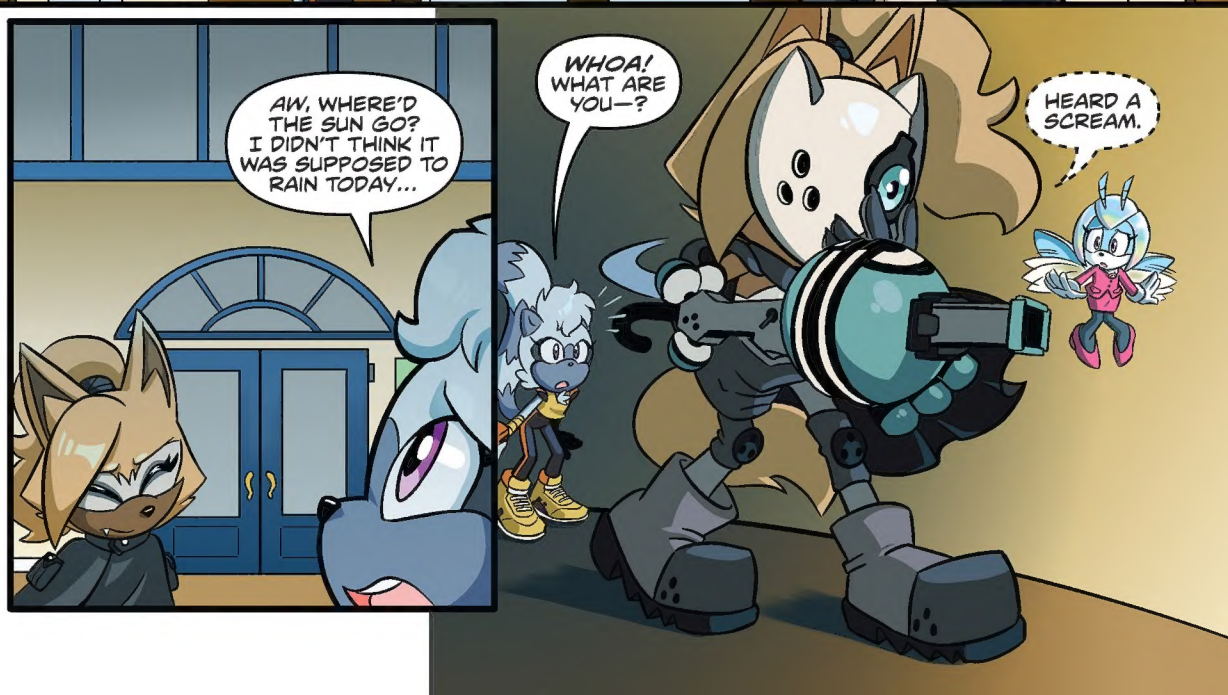
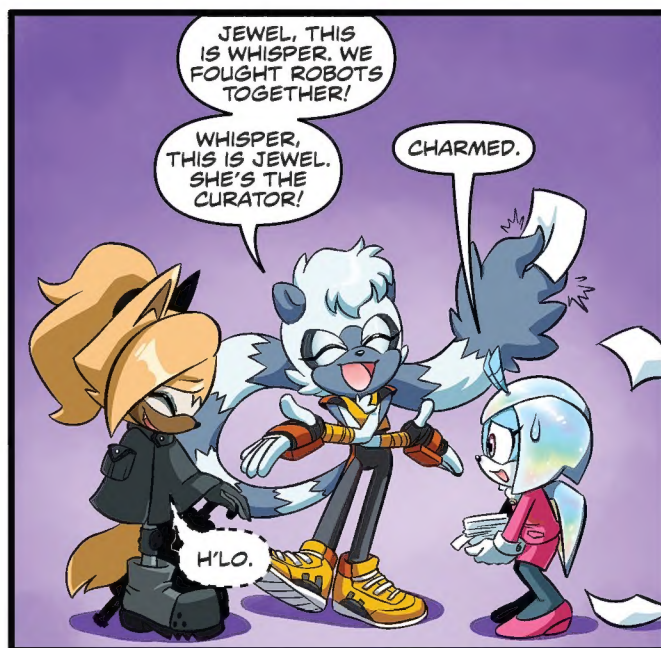
BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP

IT FEELS
LIKE FOREVER
SINCE OUR LAST
ADVENTURE!

IT'S
SO COOL
TO HAVE FRIENDS
COME TO VISIT! AND
WHEN THE TOWN
ISN'T BEING
BOMBARDED,
EVEN!

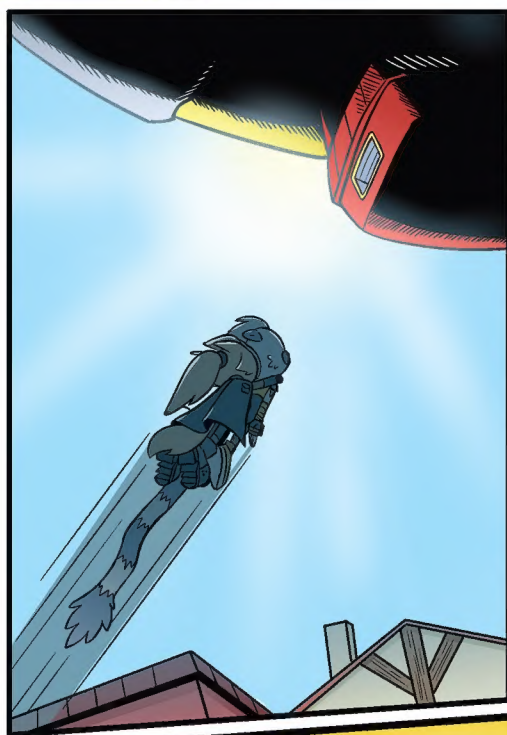
WHOOPS!
RIGHT.
BOUNDARIES.
MY BAD.



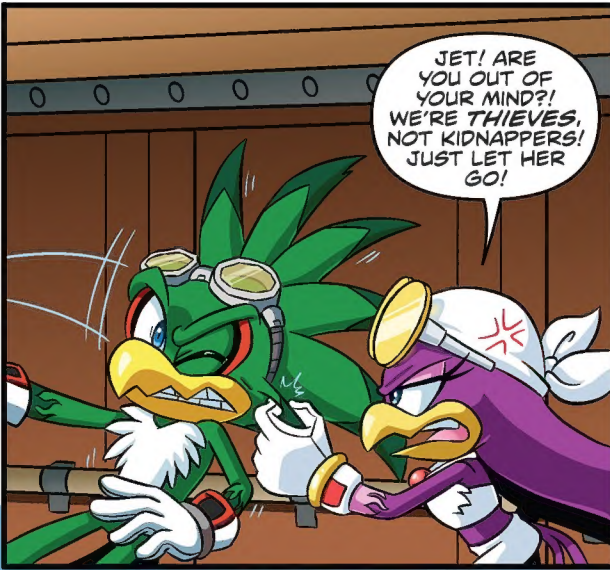


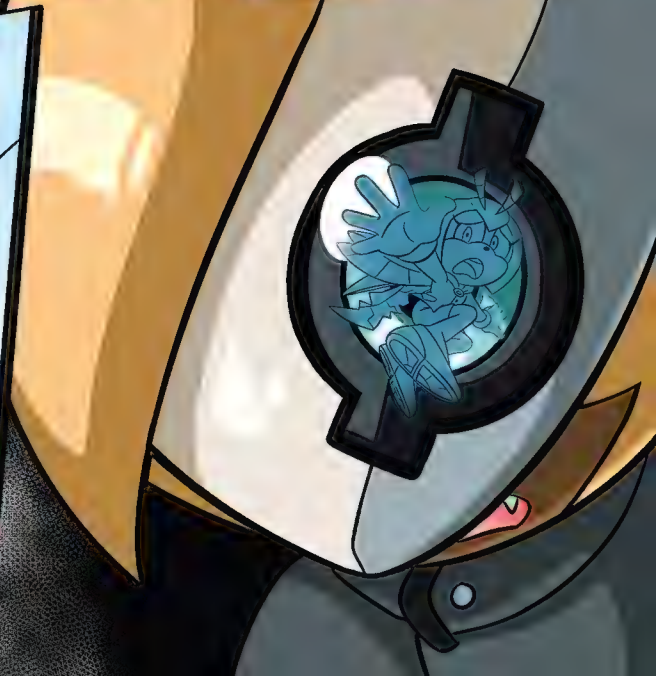




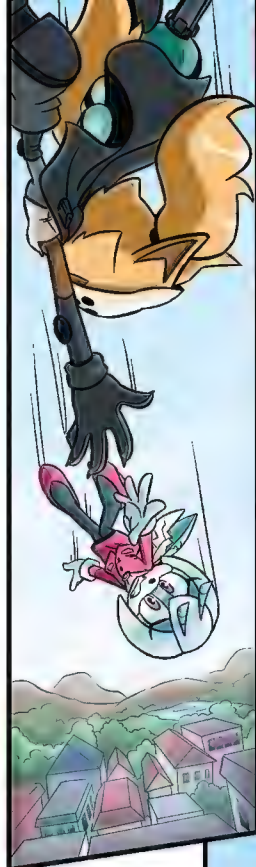












LATER...

I CANNOT
THANK YOU ALL
ENOUGH...

NOT ONLY
DID YOU SAVE
MY LIFE, BUT MY
LIVELIHOOD.

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO THANK
ME, YOU GOOBER!
WHAT ARE FRIENDS
FOR, RIGHT?

BUT I
DO NEED TO
THANK YOU,
WHISPER.

WHAT ARE
FRIENDS FOR,
RIGHT?

THE END.



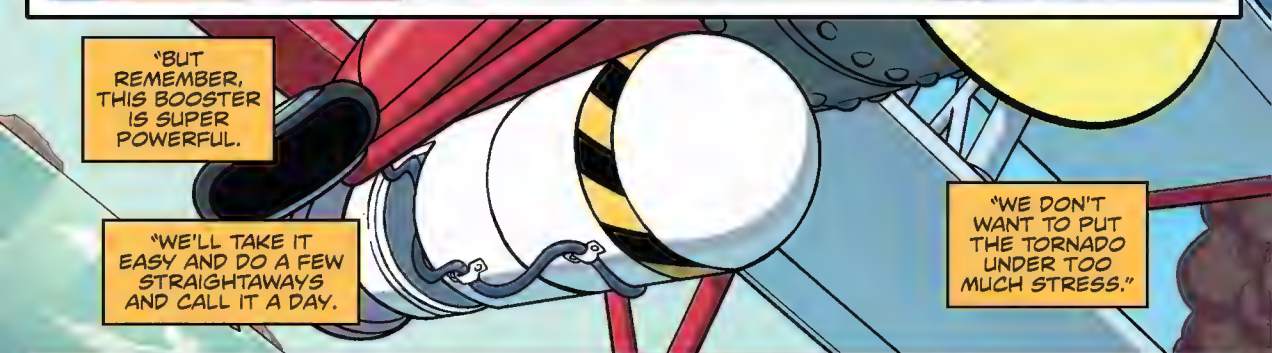
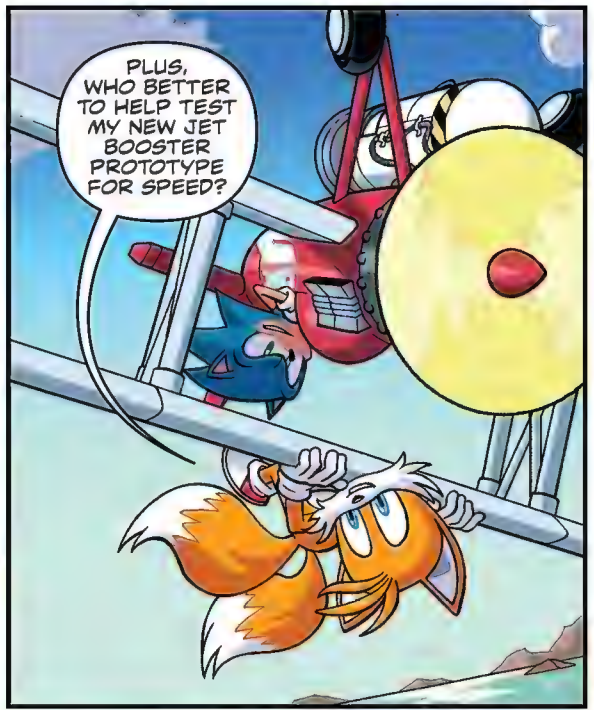
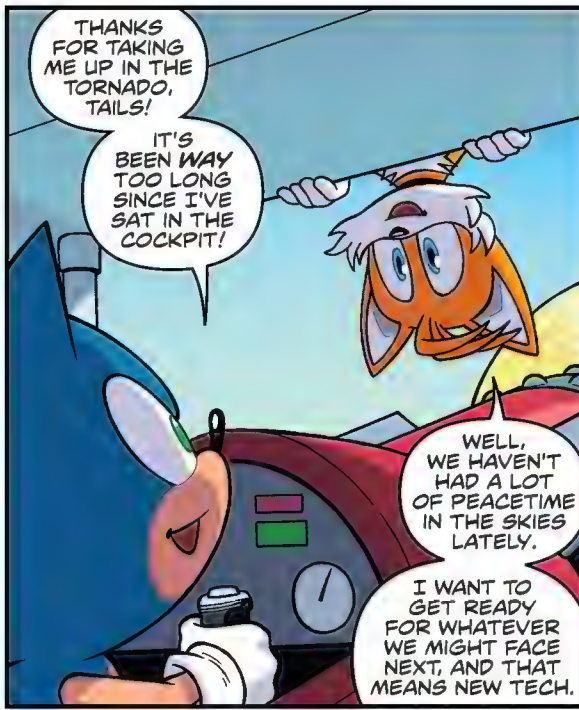
WAHOO!
BARREL
ROLLIN'!

HEH!

**JET SET
TORNADO**



I MEAN, IT'S
MORE OF AN
AILERON ROLL,
BUT CLOSE
ENOUGH...

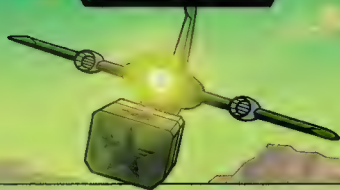


WHOA!
THAT BADNIK
CAME OUT OF
NOWHERE! DIDN'T
EVEN SHOW UP
ON RADAR!

THAT ARMOR
AND THOSE
SPEEDS... IT'S
SOME KIND OF
**STEALTH
BALKIRY!**

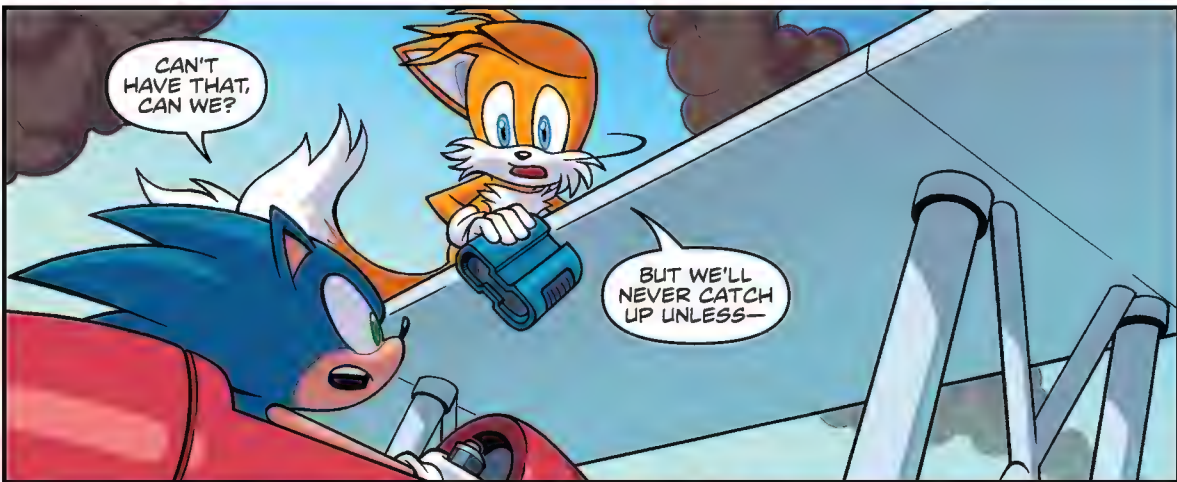


RESISTANCE
SUPPLIES! IT
MUST'VE RAIDED
THE NEARBY
STOREHOUSE FOR
FUEL CELLS!



CAN'T
HAVE THAT,
CAN WE?

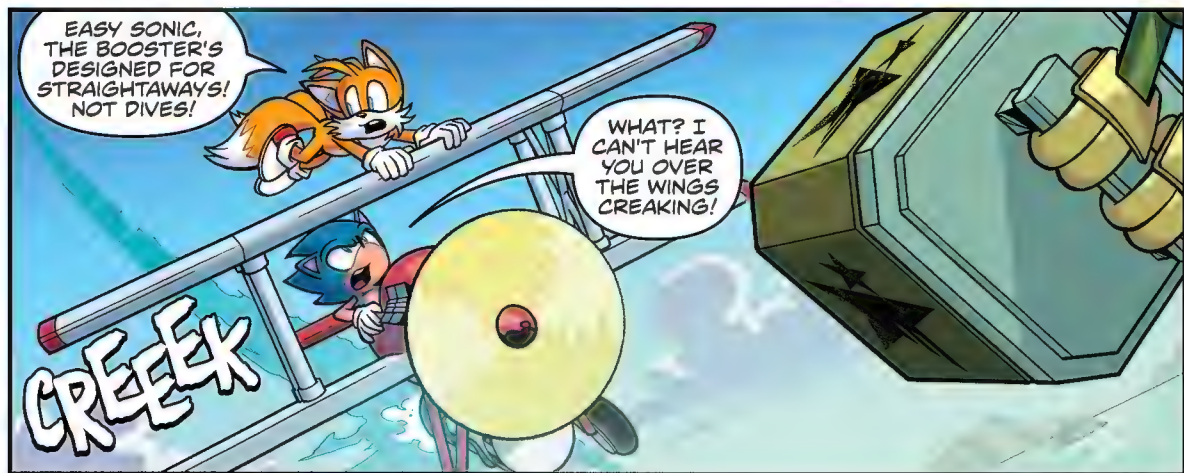
BUT WE'LL
NEVER CATCH
UP UNLESS—

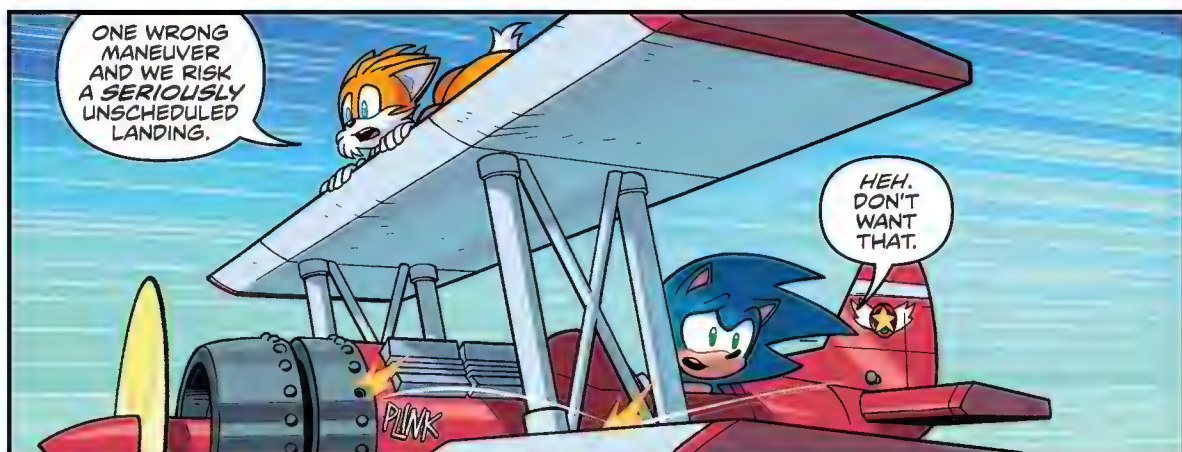


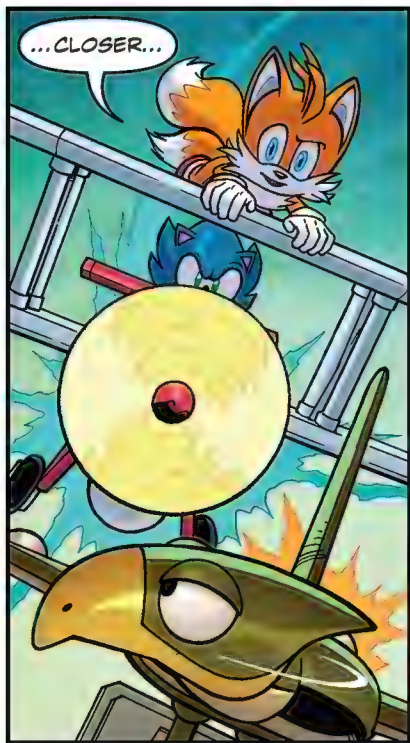
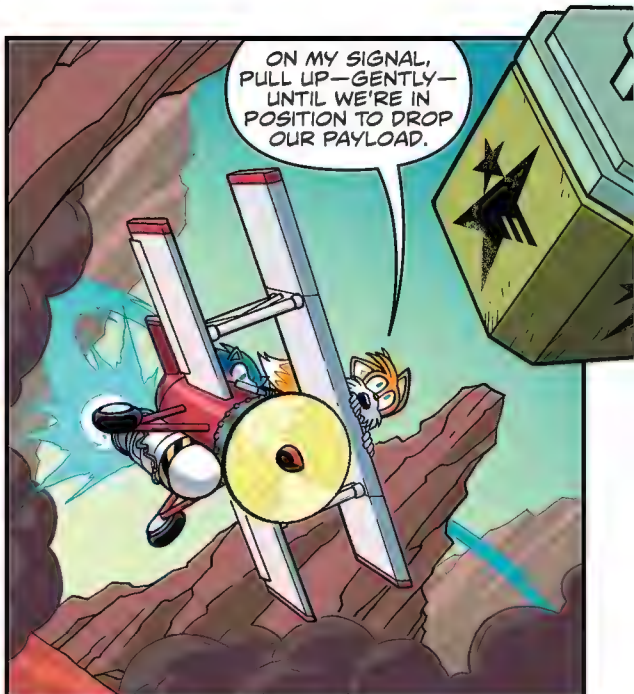
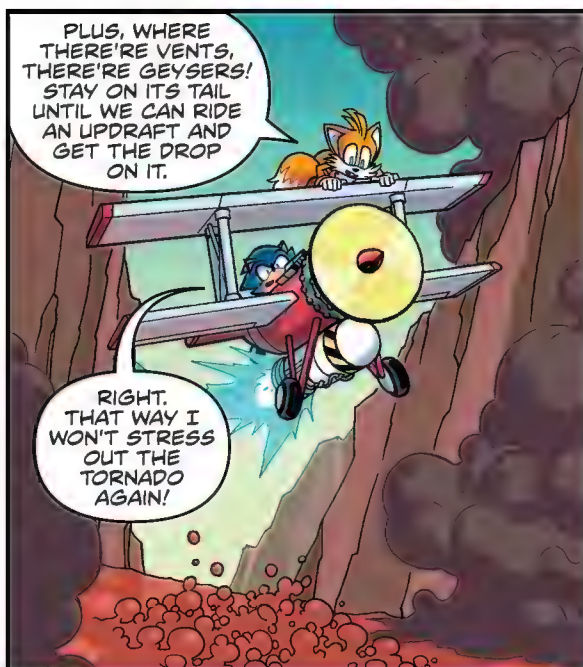
WAY
AHEAD OF
YOU, PAL!

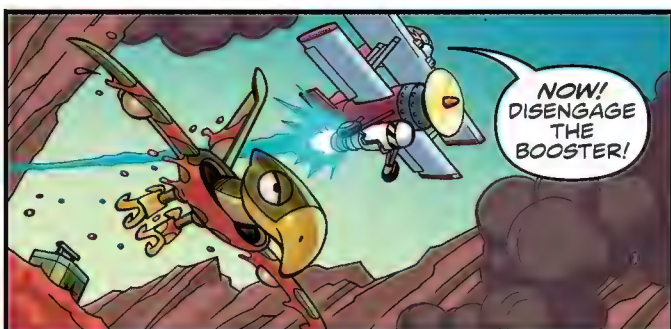
HOLD ON,
LET ME—

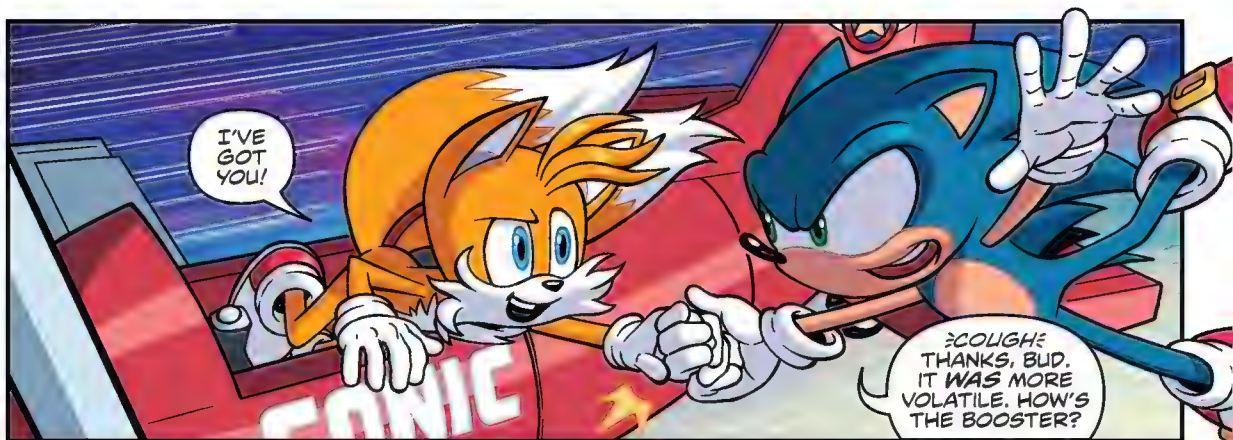












I'VE GOT YOU!

SCOLIGHE
THANKS, BUD.
IT WAS MORE
VOLATILE. HOW'S
THE BOOSTER?



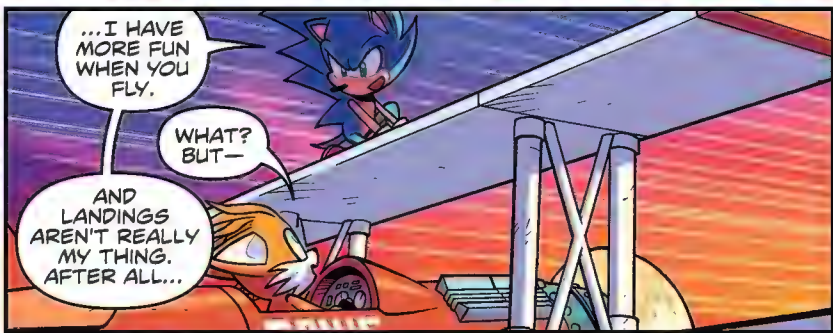
WELL, WE'LL
HAVE TO KEEP
FLYING UNTIL IT RUNS
OUT OF FUEL, BUT
THIS TEST PROVED
IT'S CAPABLE.

ALL
THAT'S LEFT
TO DO IS RADIO
THE RESISTANCE TO
RECOVER THE CRATE
AND STICK OUR
LANDING.



YOU WANT
BACK AT THE
CONTROLS? YOU
SEEM TO HAVE
LEARNED YOUR
PILOTING
LESSON.

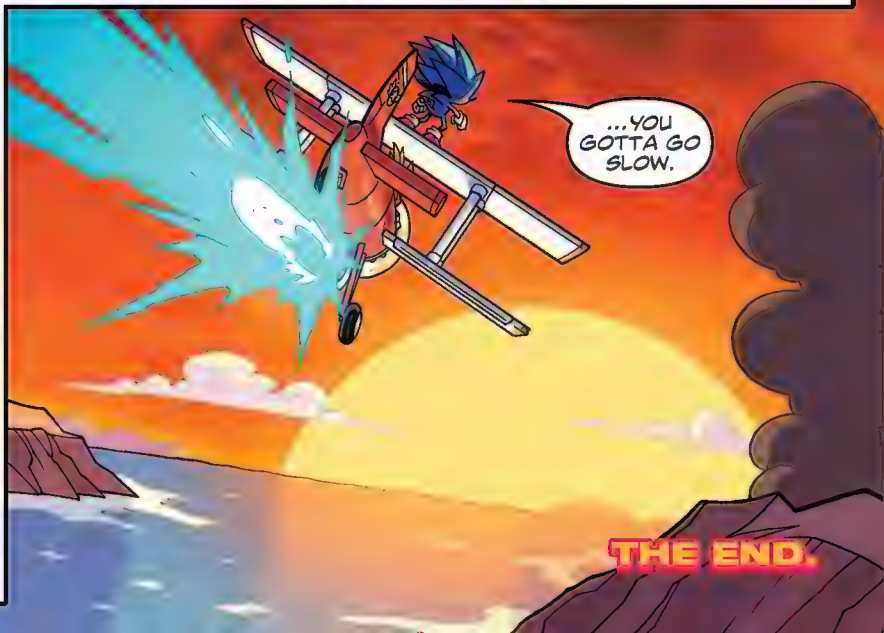
I
WOULD,
IT'S
JUST...



...I HAVE
MORE FUN
WHEN YOU
FLY.

WHAT?
BUT—

AND LANDINGS
AREN'T REALLY
MY THING.
AFTER ALL...



...YOU
GOTTA GO
SLOW.

THE END.

VICTORY GARDEN



HELLO?
SILVER?



AMY SAID
I MIGHT FIND
YOU OUT HERE,
THOUGH SHE
WOULDN'T TELL ME
WHAT YOU MIGHT
BE DOING.

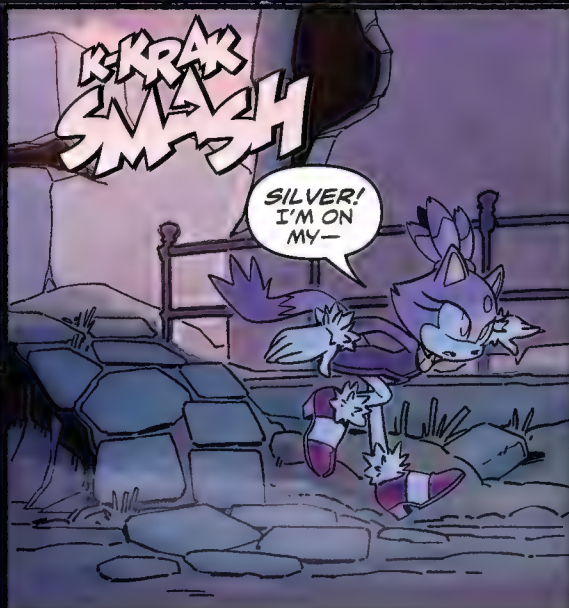
OR
WHAT I
MIGHT BE
DOING...

B-BLAZE?!
OH GEEZ...



AH,
THERE
YOU ARE!

I'M
DEFINITELY
NOT HERE!
BETTER GO
BACK INSIDE
AND—



SILVER!
I'M ON
MY—



—WAY?

GYEEP!

WAIT! I GOT THIS!
I'M...

...HOSED.





ARE YOU...
GROWING
VEGETABLES?

TRYING
TO. SO FAR
IT'S BEEN A
NO-GROW.



I NEVER
TOOK YOU
FOR A LOVER
OF NATURE.

YOU
KIDDING?
PLANTS ARE
THE BEST!

EVERYTHING
IN THIS TIME IS
SO ALIVE, SO
GREEN—IT'S
UNBELIEVABLE!
THERE'S NOTHING
LIKE IT WHEN
I'M FROM.

THEN WHEN
AMY TOLD ME
I **COULD GROW**
MY OWN, I GOT
REALLY EXCITED,
AND, WELL...



I DON'T
GET IT. I DUG
AROUND A BUNCH,
PUT 'EM IN THE
GROUND, MADE
SURE EVERYTHING
HAD NICE
LABELS...

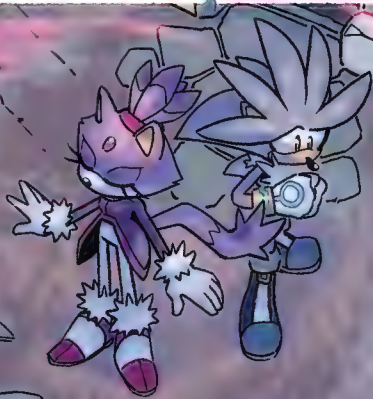
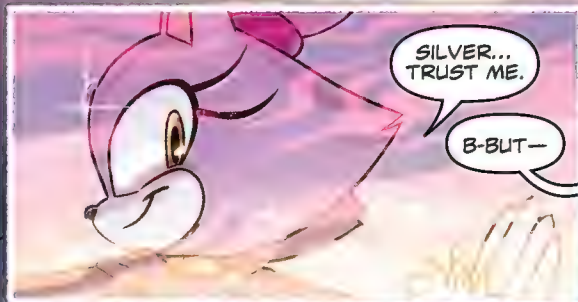
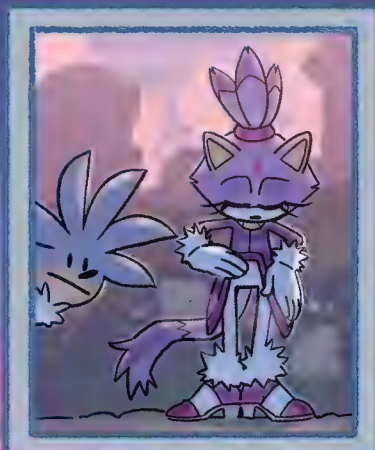
...I EVEN
WATERED
EVERYTHING—
TWICE!

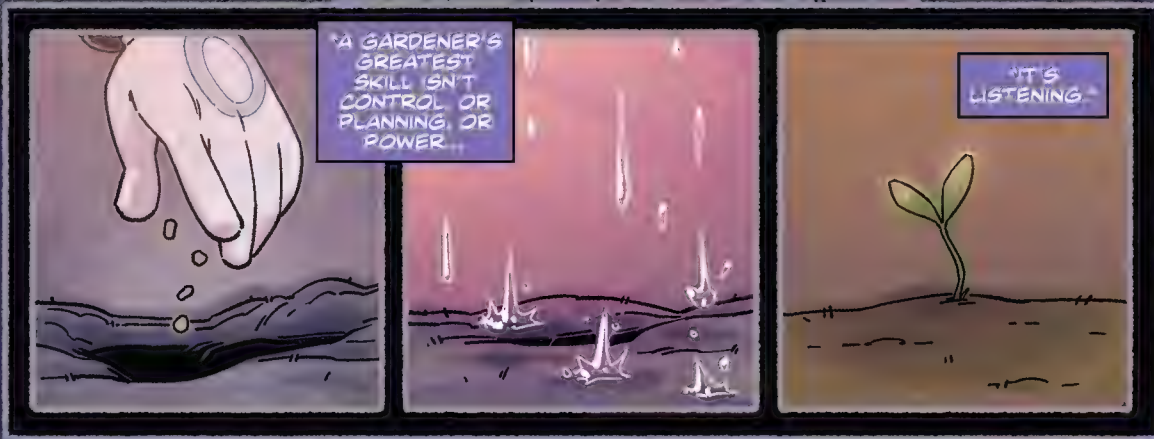
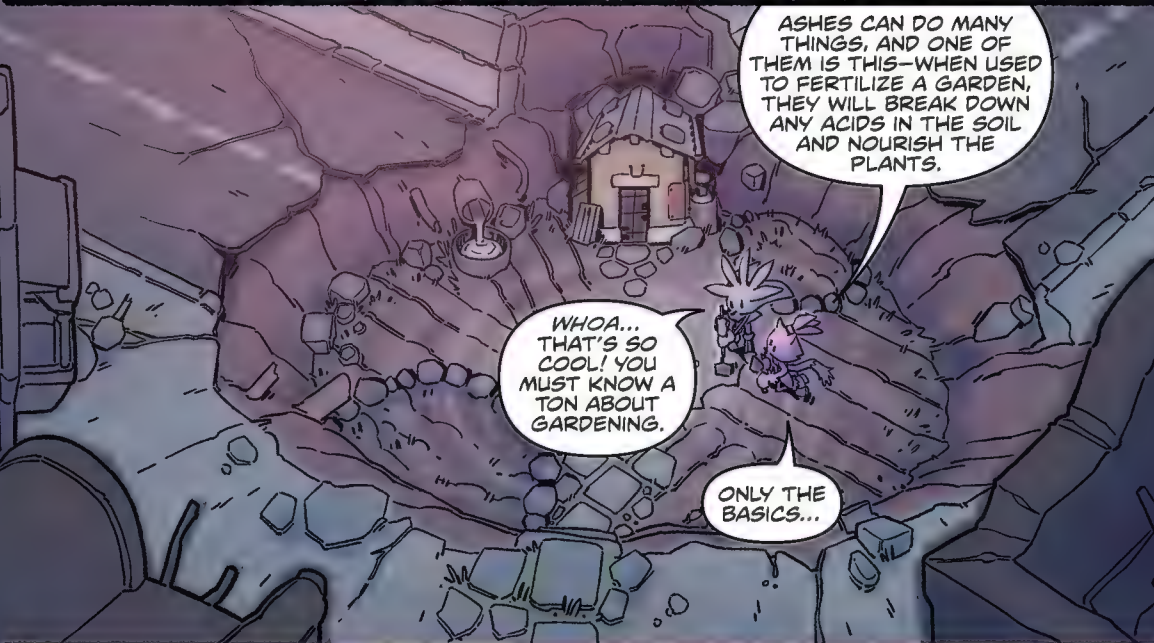
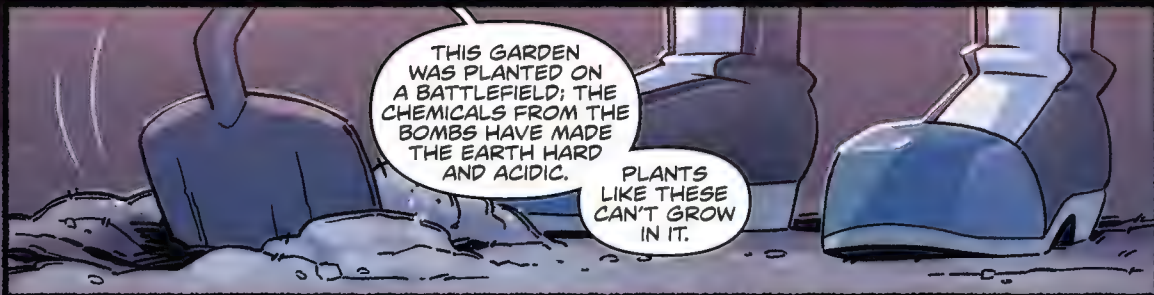
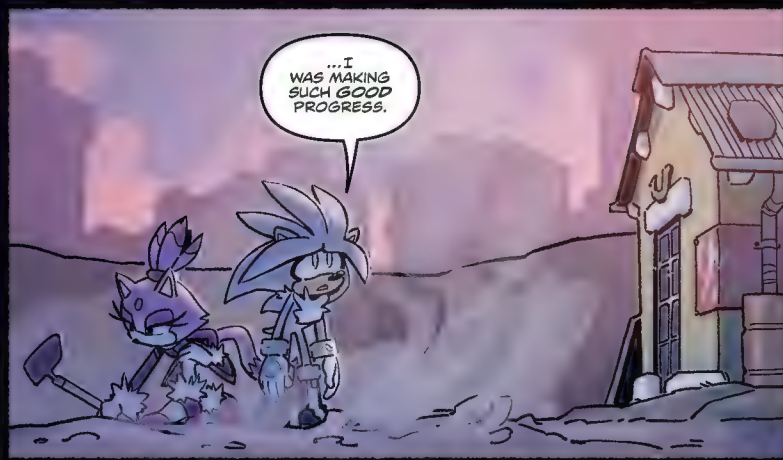


THE
WEEDS KEEP
GETTING IN,
BUT THE GOOD
PLANTS JUST
DON'T LISTEN.



AS SOON
AS I FIX
ONE THING,
SOMETHING
ELSE POPS
UP. IT'S NO
USE!







"THE PLANTS
KNOW EXACTLY
WHAT TO DO,
AND WILL TELL
YOU WHAT THEY
NEED TO DO IT."



"ALL YOU
MUST DO
IS LISTEN."



"...AND
PROVIDE."



THE END

THE DUSTY DESERT.

THIS IS
IT, TUMBLE.
WE'VE FINALLY
FOUND IT—

**THE LOST
PYRAMID OF
DR. EGGMAN.**

I-I'M
STILL NOT
SURE THIS IS
A GOOD IDEA,
ROUGH.

I
MEAN—WHAT
IF EGG-FACE
ABANDONED
IT FOR A
REASON?

**CURSE OF
THE PYRAMID**

YOU NEED
TO SKUNK
UP!

JUST IMAGINE
ALL THE LOVELY
LOOT STASHED
IN
THIS THING. ROBOTS...
WEAPONS... AND IT'S
OURS. ALL OURS!



SEE? THAT
CRAZY OLD
TYRANT EVEN
LEFT THE LIGHTS
ON! IT'S LIKE HE
WANTED US TO
RAID THE
PLACE!

I'M TELLIN'
YOU, THERE
AIN'T NOTHING
TO BE SCARED
OF. NOTHING
AT ALL!



NOTHING
TO BE SCARED
OF?!

THEN WHY
ARE THE WALLS
MOVING, ROUGH?
WE'RE GONNA GET
CRUSHED!

RUMMMBLE



FIRST
RULE OF
TOMB
RAIDING...



...YOU
GOTTA KEEP
MOVIN'!

LET'S
ROLL!

FASH



WHAMM

THERE,
WHAT DID I
TELL YOU?

WE'RE
UNSTOPPABLE!



YEAH,
B-BUT WHAT
ABOUT ALL THE
LEGENDS? THEY
SAY THIS PLACE
IS CURSED!

I'M
S-SCARED,
ROUGH. REAL
SCARED.



SCARED?
WHAT ARE
YOU TALKIN'
ABOUT?

WE'RE

**-ROUGH &
TUMBLE!**

NOTHING
SCARES US,
NOTHING!



YOU SURE
ABOUT THAT,
HANDSOME?

AAARGH!



YEAH.
YOU'RE REAL
BRAVE.

ROUGE
THE BAT?

SHOULD'VE
KNOWN ONE
OF YOU PESKY
DO-GOODERS
WOULD TRY TO
STOP US!

STOP
YOU?

SORRY TO
BURST YOUR
BUBBLE, BOYS, BUT
I'M ONLY HERE FOR
EGG-HEAD'S
TREASURE.

I'VE HEARD
THIS PLACE IS
PACKED WITH ALL
KINDS OF SHINY
STUFF.

ENOUGH
TO LAST A
LIFETIME!



SO MUCH FOR BEING A
HERO. YOU'RE NOTHING
MORE THAN A NO-GOOD,
LOUSY THIEF!

U'M, ROUGH...
AREN'T WE
NO-GOOD, LOUSY
THIEVES?

NO,
BRO...



...WE'RE
NO-GOOD,
STINKING
THIEVES!

THERE'S A
DIFFERENCE!

SEE YOU
AROUND,
SISTER! MAY
THE BEST
TOMB RAIDERS
WIN!

THAT'S
US... RIGHT,
ROUGH?

JUST SHUT
UP AND RUN,
TUMBLE. SHUT
UP AND RUN.

!KOFF
KOFF!
AND I
THOUGHT
EGGMAN
SMELLED
BAD!

CAN'T
LET THOSE
SKUNK
PUNKS GET
THEIR PAWS
ON MY...



...TREASURE.

OH, NO.

HEY,
LADY. GOT
ANY IDEA
WHAT THIS
THING IS?

IT'S
TROUBLE,
THAT'S WHAT
IT IS.

WHAT
DID I SAY
ABOUT THE
CURSE?

THOOM

LOOKS LIKE
YOU'VE FOUND
YOURSELF AN
EGG-GOLEM,
BOYS.

TRUST
EGGMAN TO
LEAVE ONE LAST
SURPRISE.

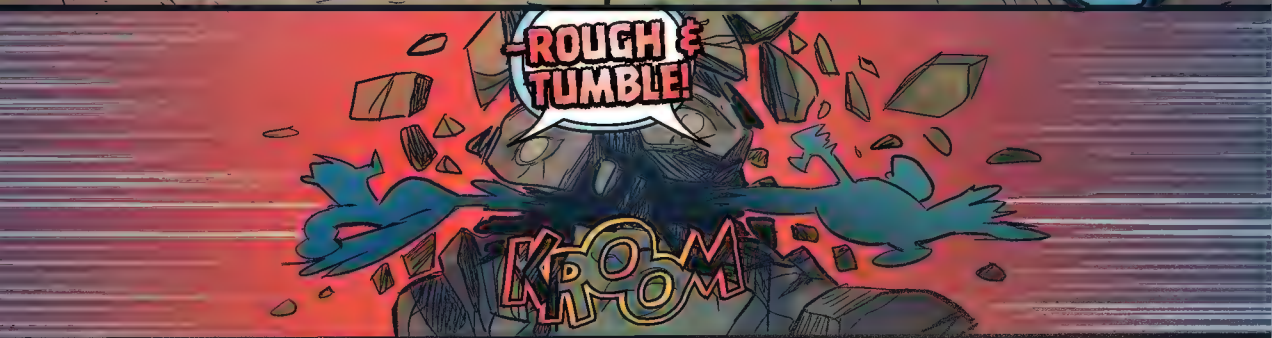
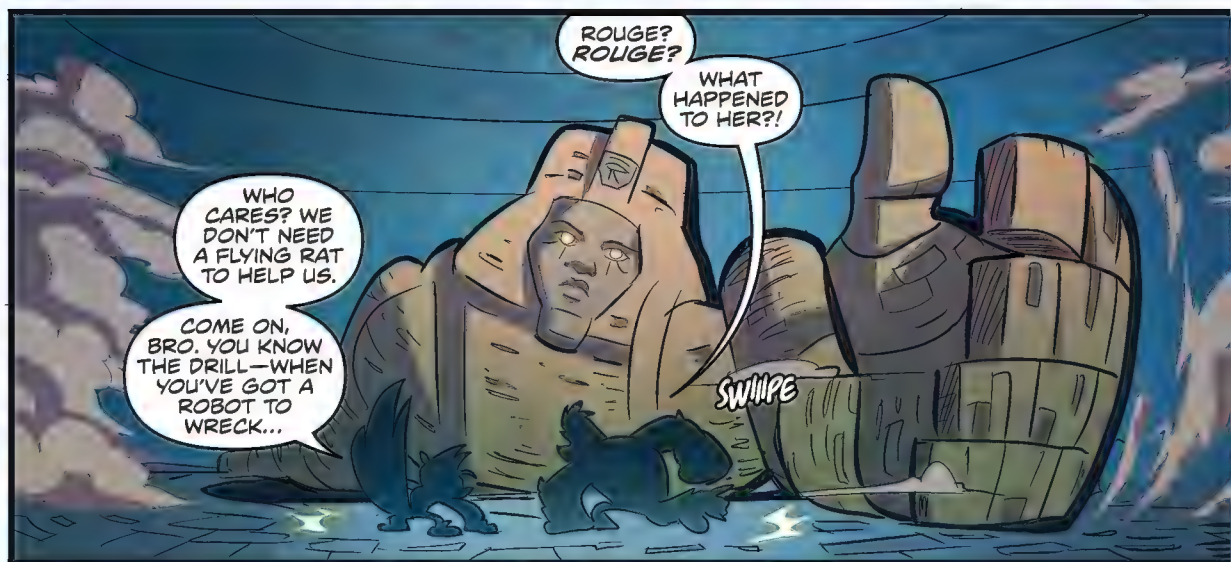
BUT DON'T
GET YOUR TAILS
IN A TWIST—WE
JUST NEED TO
LISTEN FOR THE
REMOTE.

BEEP
BEEP

AND
THERE
IT—

SWISH

GAASP





ALLOOOONE...

NOW
WHAT?

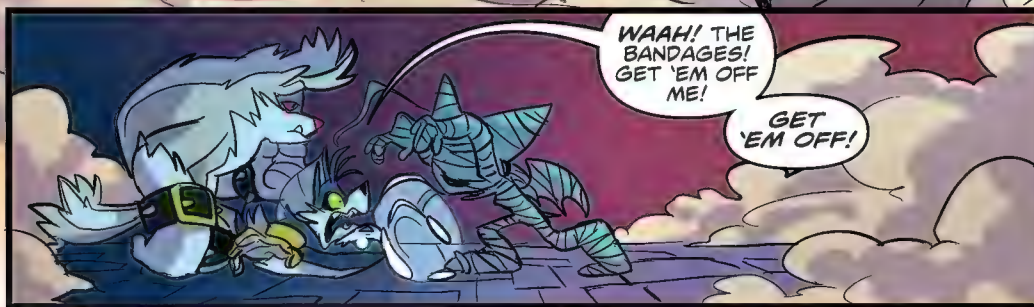


ROUGE?
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOU?!

THE
BANDAGES...
DON'T LET THE
BANDAGES TOUCH
YOU...

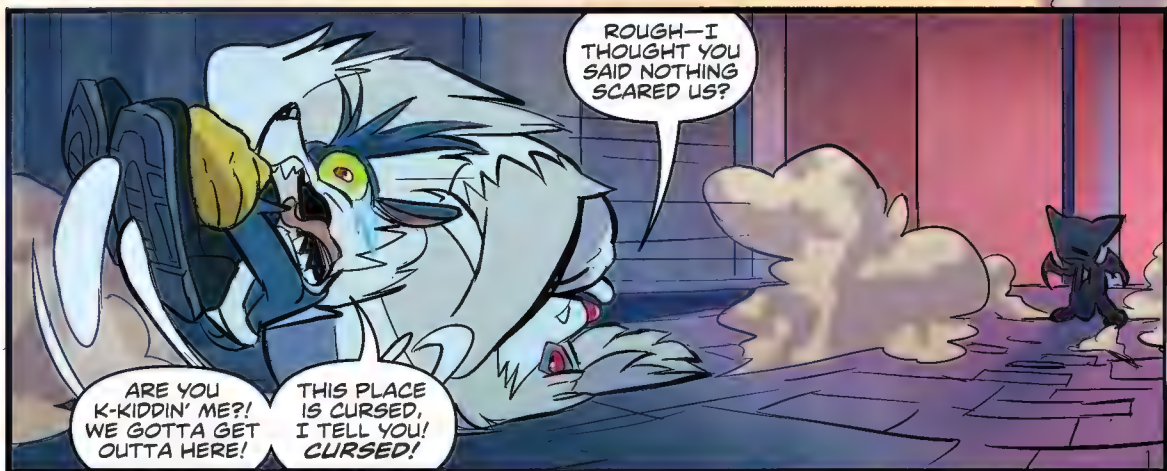
OR YOU WILL
BE DOOMED...
LIKE ME...

...DOOMED
FOR ALL
ETERNITY...



WAAH! THE
BANDAGES!
GET 'EM OFF
ME!

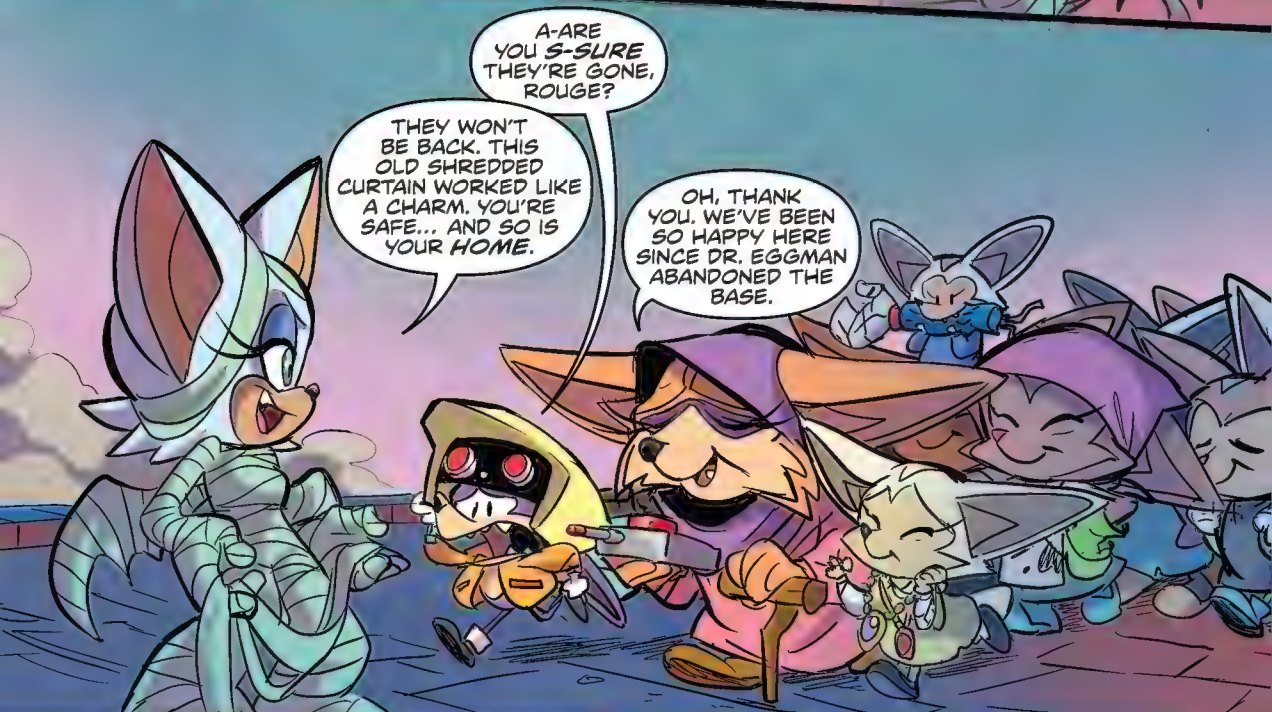
GET
'EM OFF!



ROUGH—I
THOUGHT YOU
SAID NOTHING
SCARED US?

ARE YOU
K-KIDDIN' ME?!
WE GOTTA GET
OUTTA HERE!

THIS PLACE
IS CURSED,
I TELL YOU!
CURSED!



SONIC FAN CLUB!

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GRAY ©

+
REGGIE
GRAHAM

MAY THE
FIRST MEETING
OF THE SONIC
FAN CLUB
PLEASE COME
TO ORDER.

BANG!
BANG!
BANG!

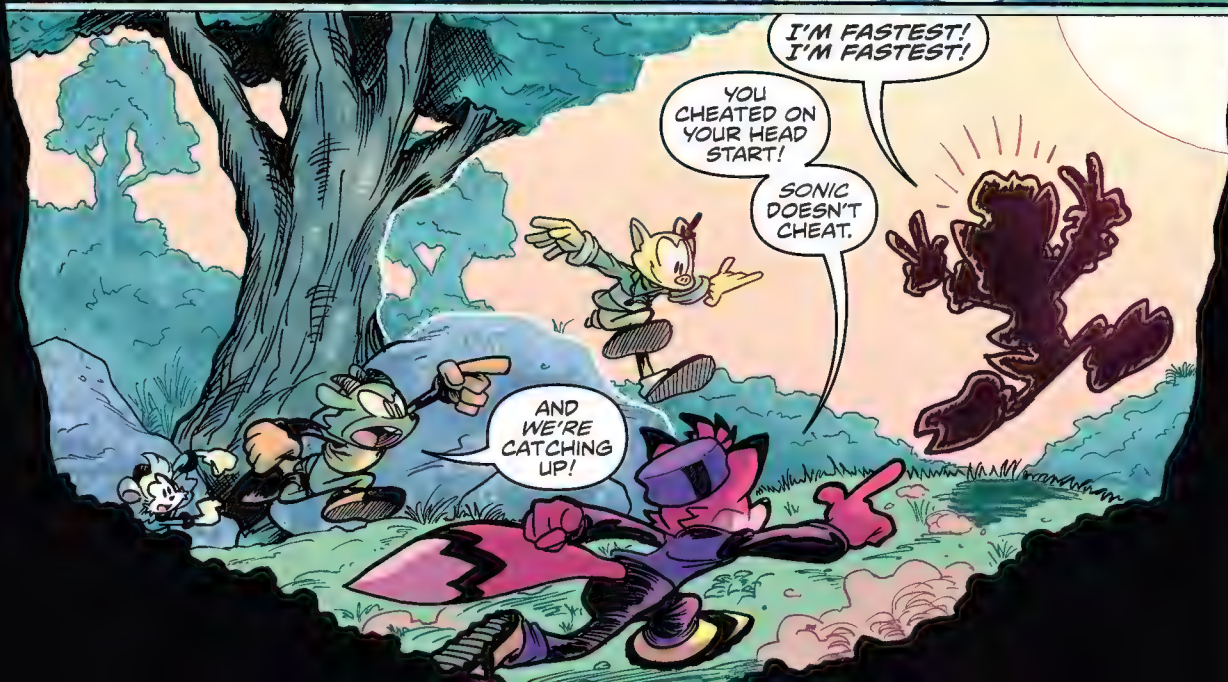
HEY! HOW
COME YOU GET
TO BANG THE
GAVEL? I WANT
TO DO IT.

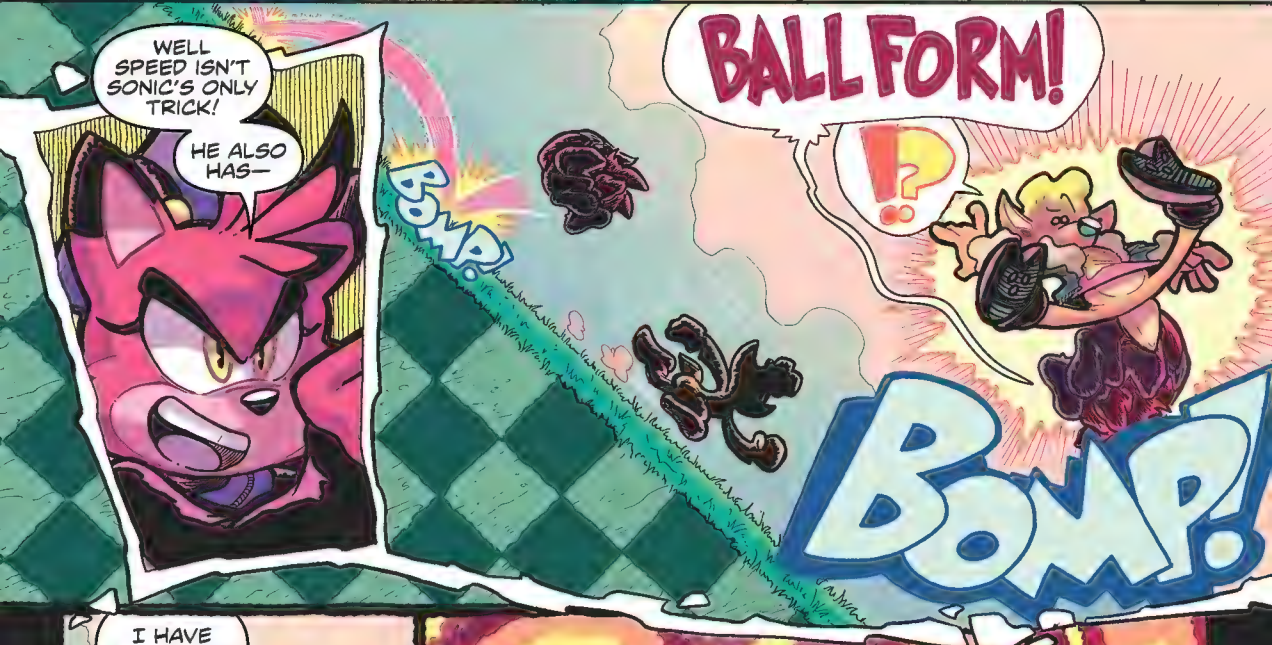
I GET TO
BANG THE
GAVEL BECAUSE
I'M THE CLUB
PRESIDENT.

THAT'S
NOT
FAIR.

I SHOULD BE
CLUB PRESIDENT.
I CAN RUN REALLY
FAST JUST LIKE
SONIC CAN.

NO WAY.
THAT'S
IMPOSSIBLE.







THAT WAS FUN!



WELL... SPEED AND BALL FORM AREN'T SONIC'S ONLY THINGS.

HE'S ALSO BRAVE!



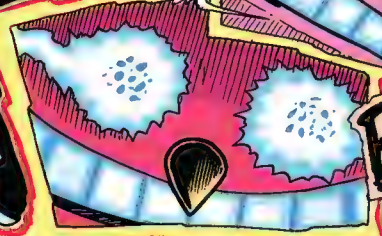
AND I'LL PROVE THAT I'M THE BRAVEST BY FIGHTING THAT BADNIK!

!GASP!



BEEP.

BEEP!



BEEP!



eeep.



COME ON, GUYS! LET'S HELP HIM!

SMASH!

HEY GUYS!
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

OH, HI
TANGLE!

THIS IS
THE FIRST
MEETING OF
THE SONIC
FAN CLUB!

BONK!
BONK!
BONK!
BONK!
BONK!

SLAM

GNAW
GNAW
GNAW

STOMP!

TROMP!

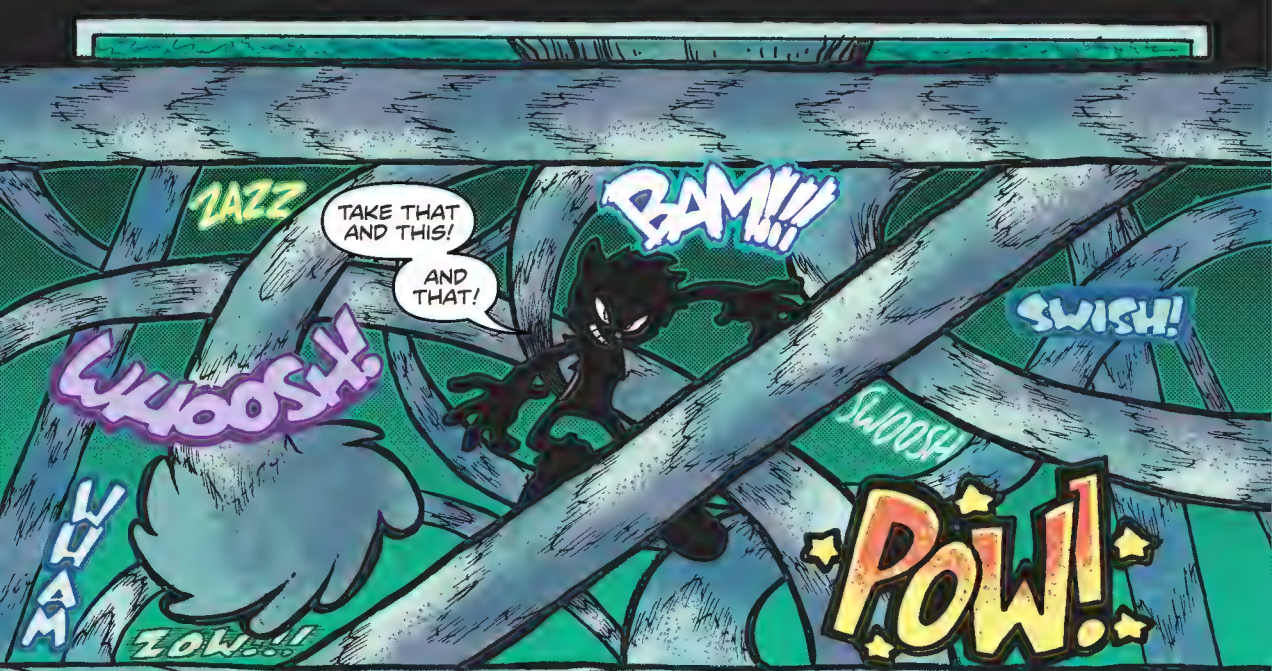
SONIC FAN
CLUB?! YOU
GUYS SHOULD
HAVE A TANGLE
FAN CLUB
INSTEAD!

WATCH
WHAT I
CAN DO!

BOOM!

WHOOSH!







SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

What's up, Squad? Hope you enjoyed our first *Sonic the Hedgehog Annual*! This was a great way to tell some silly and touching stories we just didn't have time for in the main series—and to let some of the many great comic creators who want to work on Sonic have a chance to contribute! I can't wait for the next one... too bad it's another year away! While we wait, let's check out some of your wonderful art and letters!

Dear IDW Sonic comic team,

Hello! My name is Madeline, and I am one of the biggest Sonic fangirls! I am almost 18, and *Team Sonic Racing* happens to be releasing on my 18th birthday. I love issue #13, it is now one of my favorites of the comic so far. Words cannot describe how much I adore Sonic and Tails, and this issue and this whole series really shows their bond. They are true brothers, and they are my favorite duo of all time. Thank you to everyone on the comic team for doing an amazing job on this series. The art is beautiful, and all of the characterizations are just perfect! I can't wait to see more heartwarming brotherly moments between Sonic and Tails as the comic continues on. I'd like to share my drawing of them here. I'll always love and support Sonic, my favorite character and series of all time.

Your forever fan,
Madeline Morales

Hi Madeline,

So glad you love the series and happy early birthday! We love Sonic and Tails too, and hope that Caleb, Jack, and Leonardo delivered you the brotherly teamwork you're looking for in their story in this issue! Hard to think of a more iconic duo—particularly in comics—than these two, huh?

Hi Sonic fans!

I've been a Sonic fan since 2017. I like the comics and hope to see one of my drawings in the comics. Some of my favorite Sonic games are the classics, especially *Sonic Mania*! So I made a fan art, which has both modern and classic Sonics in the picture. I also made it in the style of *Mania*. I hope you like the work I did!

Alex K.

Hi Alex,

Sonic Mania may be one of the most recent games, but it sure is a classic! That's a really fun piece of the two Sonics teaming up! Usually when we see the two of them together, it's in a Modern Sonic title, so it's a super cool idea to have them both in a Classic game! And it seems like you aren't the only Classic Sonic fan this issue...

Hello IDW,

I'm Thomas Moore, an 11-year-old and I'm a gigantic fan of your work on Sonic. I love to create Sonic artwork all the time and it would be amazing to have other fans see



Art by Madeline Morales



my art too! It would be so cool if we could see Mighty the Armadillo and Classic Sonic make appearances. Really liking the new comic series, keep up the great work!

Up, over and out,
Thomas

Hi Thomas,

Thanks so much for the kind words! We think other fans will enjoy seeing your art too! Unfortunately, we won't be seeing Mighty, Classic Sonic, or any of the other classic characters in this series—they're a separate story! But if folks like you keep telling us they want Classic stories, maybe one day we'll figure out a way to do them!

Sonic had 10 chili dogs, but has eaten 3. How many chili dogs does he have left?

Hi, everyone, I'm a teacher and a huge fan of Sonic! Sonic was a big part of my childhood so I'm glad to be able to talk about him with the upcoming generations. You all are doing a fantastic job with this comic and I am very thrilled to be able to share it with emerging readers. I'm hoping I can use these to help create a love of reading and maybe a few comic fans as well.

Keep up the stellar work,
Miss Sam

Hi Miss Sam,

7! Sonic has 7 chili dogs left! Yeah... we can do math! It's always wonderful to hear from teachers like yourself and extra great that you can really share Sonic with your students on a personal level. We made this issue a little extra educational—there're facts about gardening and planes if you look for 'em—just for you. And for all of your students and all the emerging readers reading this (even with help) right now, you're doing a great job! Keep at it!

SONIC THE HEDGE HOG



Art by Alex K

That's all for this time! Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! We'll see you in a year! Or... in a month when the next regular issue's out...

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HERE WE
ARE—TEAM
SONIC—ON
PLANET WISP.

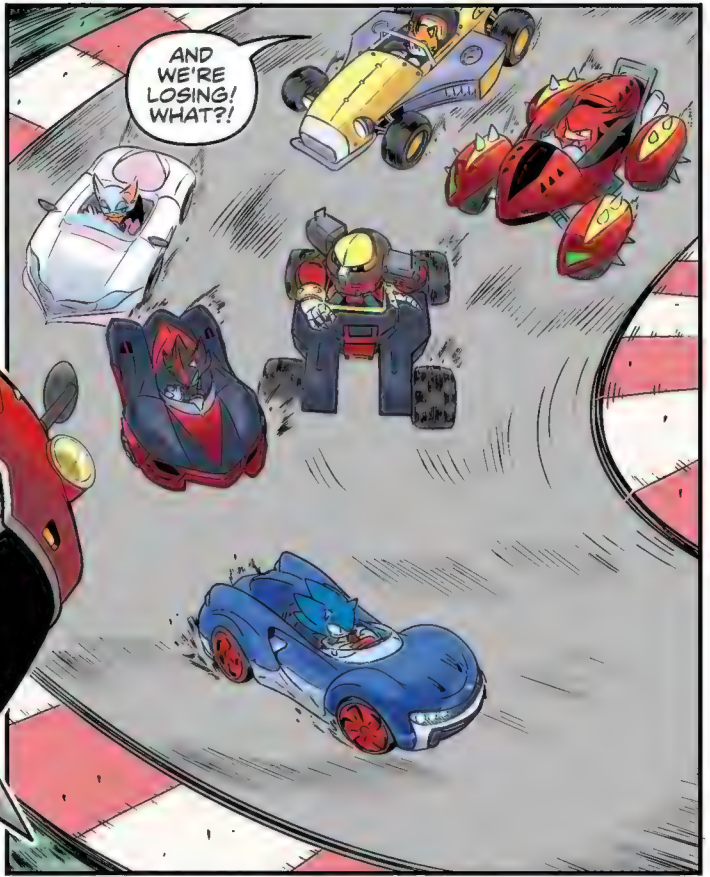
DRIVING CARS FAST
ENOUGH TO ENTERTAIN
EVEN SONIC, ON CRAZY
TRACKS STOCKED WITH
WISP POWER-UPS.

ALL FOR AN ECCENTRIC
MYSTERY MAN, DODON PA.
NO ONE KNOWS WHERE HE
COMES FROM OR WHY HE
HOSTS RACES.

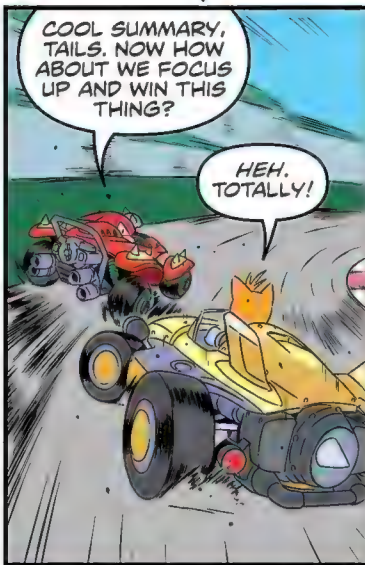
BLUE
HEDGEHOG OR
BLACK HEDGEHOG?
WHO WILL SURVIVE?
HOHOHO.



SERIOUSLY,
I WONDER.
THEY'RE BOTH
PRETTY
GOOD...



AND
WE'RE
LOSING!
WHAT?!



COOL SUMMARY,
TAILS. NOW HOW
ABOUT WE FOCUS
UP AND WIN THIS
THING?

HEH.
TOTALLY!



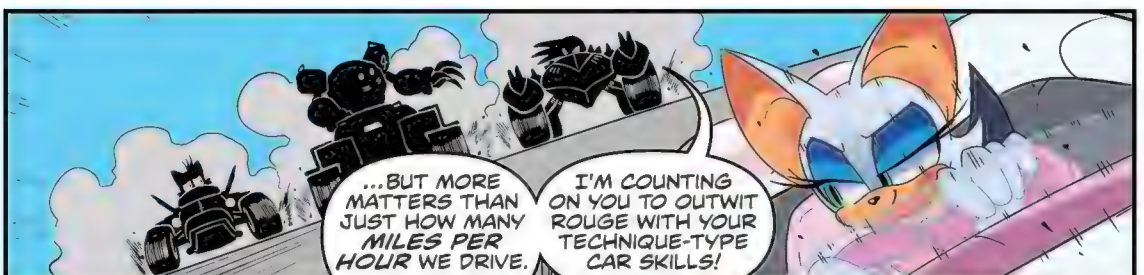
SONIC AND SHADOW ARE OFF
IN THEIR OWN LITTLE WORLD
IN THEIR SPEED-TYPE CARS,
BUT WE'VE GOTTA MAKE
SURE TO WIN, TOO.

RIGHT!
WE'VE GOT THE
TEAM SCORE TO
THINK ABOUT.



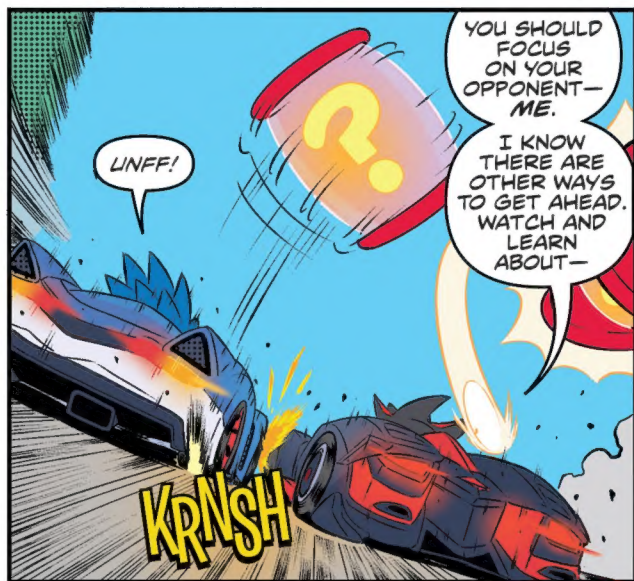
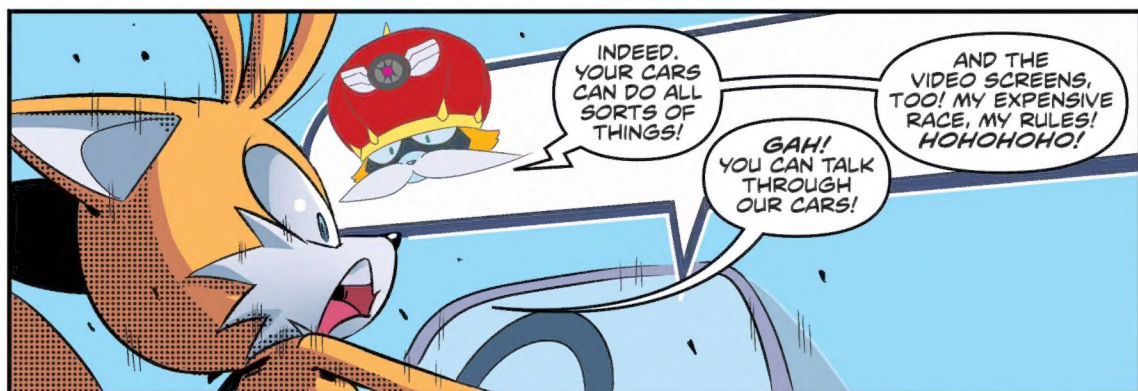
BRING-THE-PAIN
PROTOCOLS
INITIATED.

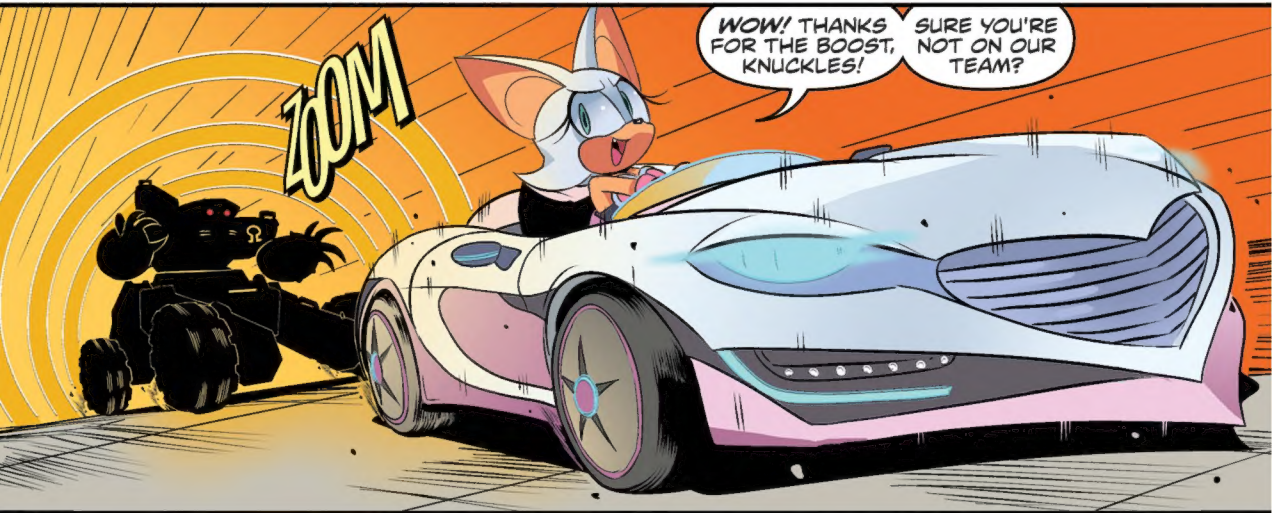
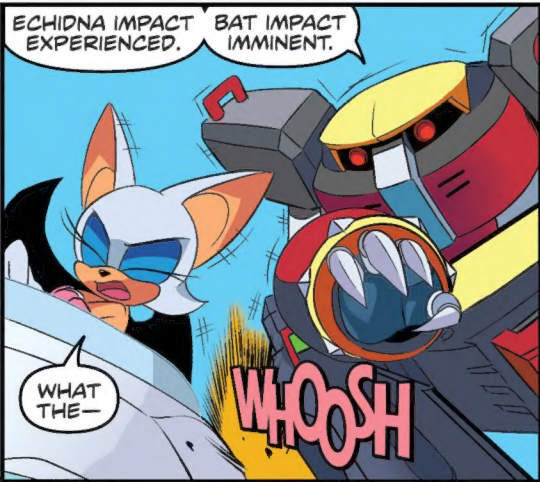
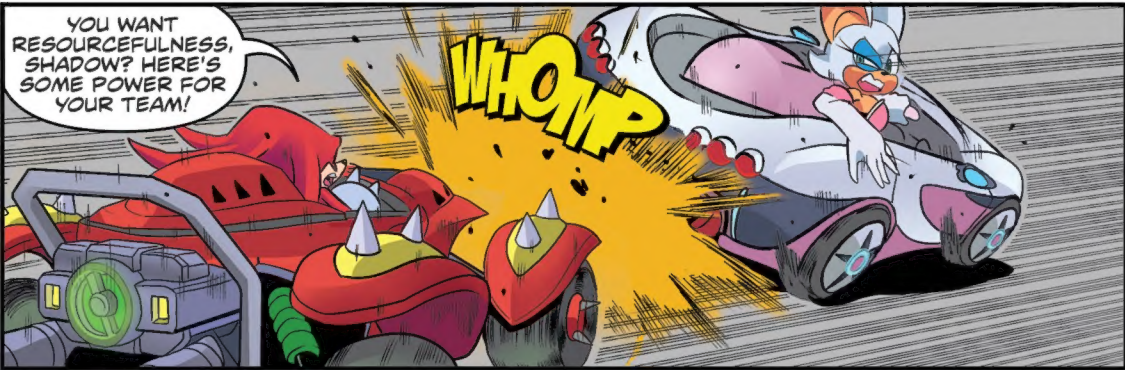
HNGH! I CAN
HANDLE OMEGA
IN MY POWER-
TYPE RACER...



...BUT MORE
MATTERS THAN
JUST HOW MANY
MILES PER
HOUR WE DRIVE.

I'M COUNTING
ON YOU TO OUTWIT
ROUGE WITH YOUR
TECHNIQUE-TYPE
CAR SKILLS!





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